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SUBJ: BELIZE AIRWAYS LIMITED AND HON. LOUIS SYLVESTRE

REF: BELIZE 323 (NOTAL)

- 1. HON. LOUIS SYLVESTRE, GOB MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, STOPPED IN APRIL 12 TO ASK OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH THE "HEAD" OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD IN WASHINGTON APRIL 23, 1976, TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIATING BELIZE AIRWAYS LIMITED (BAL) FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MIAMI ASAP. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE APPOINTMENTS TO SEE "HIS GOOD FRIEND" CONGRESSMAN ED DERWINSKI AND HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT ON APRIL 23.
- 2. DEPT REQUESTED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR SYLVESTRE WITH APPROPRIATE CAB OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN IF AVAILABLE AND ADVISE SOONEST OF SPECIFICS AS SYLVESTRE PLANS TO DEPART BELIZE FOR WASHINGTON ON/ABOUT APRIL 21.
- 3. SYLVESTRE INDICATED THAT BAL HAD AVIATECA'S APPROVAL TO EXTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PROPOSED MIAMI-BELIZE-MIAMI SERVICE TO GUATEMALA CITY,

WHICH WOULD HELP BAL BUILD TRAFFIC QUICKLY. HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY GOTTEN APPROVAL FOR RECIPROCAL RIGHTS FOR BAL FROM AUTHORITIES IN SAN SALVADOR AND TETUCIGALPA AND EXPECTED TO OBTAIN A SIMILAR AGREEMENT FROM MEXICAN AUTHORITIES DURING A VISIT ON/ABOUT MAY 17.

4. FOR GUATEMALA AND MEXICO: ACCORDING TO BAL PARTNER ERNEST WILLIAMS, BAL HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE 5 MOTHBALLED BOEING 707-720'S FROM UNITED AIRLINES FOR US \$1 MILLION. WILLIAMS SAID BAL HOPED TO BEGIN DAILY MIAMI-BELIZE-MIAMI SERVICE BY JUNE, 1976, OFFERING A SPECIAL US \$120 30-DAY EXCURSION FARE IN ADDITION TO US \$88 ECONOMY CLASS ONE WAY FARE.

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